

## **EMERGENCY PURCHASES**

Emergency Purchase Number **AFF06-12**

Office/Division: Illinois Department of Transportation  
Division of Highways – Region #5 (District 9)  
Address: P.O. Box 100.  
Carbondale, IL 62903-0100

Responsible Chief Procurement Officer: Timothy W. Martin

Vendor: E.T. Simonds Construction Co.  
Address: P.O. Box 2107  
Carbondale, IL 62902-2107

Estimated Cost: \$80,000.00

This expenditure is justified as:

- ☒ An emergency involving public health.
- ☒ An emergency involving public safety.
- ☒ Necessary to protect State property from further loss or damage.
- ☒ Necessary to prevent or minimize serious disruption in State services.
- ☐ Necessary to insure integrity of State records.
- ☐ Quick purchase as provided by Section 20-30 (d) of the Illinois Procurement Code.

The conditions and circumstances requiring this emergency expenditure are:

On the evening of January 25, 2006, a semi-tractor trailer was traveling southbound on Interstate 57, south of Marion, in a construction zone. A southbound semi truck crossed over the Interstate median striking the rear end of one northbound truck causing him to jackknife and crash into the Crab Orchard Creek structure. The southbound semi-truck that crossed over the median also struck another semi-tractor trailer and crew cab pick up truck head-on that were traveling side by side in the northbound I-57 lanes. There were 6 fatalities.

The southbound and northbound lanes were closed immediately for the Illinois State Police accident investigations, debris removal and the road, bridge, & guardrail repairs. The southbound lanes opened early Thursday morning with the northbound lanes opening midmorning on January 26, 2006.

As a result of the accident, E.T. Simonds worked all night assisting with debris removal, traffic control, etc. along with their guardrail sub-contractor Mid-West Fence who came out at approximately 11:00 p.m. to repair the guardrail damage. E.T. Simonds was on site at the time of the accident because they were due to start work at that construction site at approximately 8:00 p.m.